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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4685

INFO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 8134

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, VS

SUBJ: COUNTERING PRG EFFORTS TO SEEK BILATERAL RECOGNITION

REF: A) STATE 266161 B) CANBERRA A-230, DEC 10

1. DURING COURTESY CALL DEC 17 ON ME BY NEWLY-ARRIVED GVN AMBASSADOR DOAN BA CANG, WE DISCUSSED CURRENT EFFORTS BY DRV EMBASSY IN CANBERRA AND ITS SUPPORTERS TO PROMOTE EHNAHCEMENT OF STATUS OF PRG IN AUSTRALIA. I HAVE ARRANGED TO HAVE SUBSTANCE OF REF A PASSED TO AMBASSADOR CANG, WHO IS AWARE OF FORMATION OF LABOR PARTY CAUCUS COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE RECOGNITION OF PRG (REF B).

2. I NOTED THAT, AT THIS POINT, GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA APPEARS TO BE DETERMINED NOT RPT NOT TO RECOGNIZE PRG IN ANY WAY AND RECALLED REMARK BY PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM ON TV DEC 2 TO THIS EFFECT (REF B). I NOTED THAT CONTINUED ATTENTION TO THIS POINT AND COORDINATION BETWEEN OUR TWO EMBASSIES WOULD BE NECESSARY IN NEXT FEW MONTHS. EMBOFF RECALLED RECENT INDICATION THAT DRV MIGHT DECLINE TO ACCEPT CREDENTIALS OF AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR IN HANOI WHEN HE ARRIVES EARLY IN 1975 AND NOTED THAT DRV HAD DONE MUCH THE SAME THING WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR FAWCETT IN HANOI, SEEKING TO EXTRACT AGREEMENT TO PERMIT ESTABLISHMENT OF PRG INFORMATION OFFICE IN LONDON.

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3. EMBASSY FOUND COPY OF MEMCON OF DEC 4 ON MEETING IN SAIGON  
BETWEEN DAVID WALKER OF OUR EMBASSY AND ROBERT GORDON OF  
AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY SAIGON OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IN ABOVE  
CONNECTION. WE WILL FIND OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THIS ISSUE  
DISCREETLY WITH DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.  
GREEN

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